

WIOC TO PAY OUT NEARLY \$10M IN DIVIDENDS

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Team Antigua Island Girls does it again by rowing across the Pacific Ocean. *Story on page 6.*

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Instructed by the **ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA DEVELOPMENT BANK** of 27 St. Mary's Street, in the City of Saint John, in the State of Antigua and Barbuda, I will sell by public auction on Tuesday 31 August 2023 at 11:00 a.m. on site, the under mentioned property.

The property is located at Dyett Street in Villa, St. John's, Antigua and consists of a parcel of land of an area of approximately 2,178 sq. ft./ 0.05 acre, with a 514 sq. ft. single storey, two (2) bedroom, one (1) bathroom wooden dwelling thereon.

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WIOC to pay out nearly \$10M in dividends

This week, the West Indies Oil Company (WIOC) will be making the second payment of dividends to individuals or institutions who purchased shares in the company at its public offerings, exactly two years ago.

It was in July 2021, when the government reduced its shareholdings in

the company and offered shares for sale to the public. Company sources say the shareholders total between eight and nine hundred persons or institutions.

According to the source, the payments which started on Tuesday will amount to \$9.7 million by the time they are concluded within a matter of days.

In a statement, the company said its Board of Directors took a decision early this month to pay a dividend of \$2.24 per share. It added that the payments are being processed by the Eastern Caribbean Central Security Depository (ECCSD) starting on Tuesday.

"We encourage shareholders who have opted for direct deposits to allow three working days for payments to be credited to their accounts via electronic funds transfer. For payments via cheques, the timing would depend on the postal authorities' delivery schedule," the statement noted.

WIOC is one of the first local companies to be listed in the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange.



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CBH to deploy 100 plus to ensure health safety, during Carnival

The Central Board of Health (CBH) will deploy several teams of persons to total more than one hundred to ensure that food safety, general health, and sanitation matters are dealt with during the annual Carnival festivities.

Principal Public Health Supervisor, Julienne Mannix, said the department is responsible for ensuring that there are no food-borne or other diseases to affect members of the public attending the various carnival events.

The department is also responsible for cleaning Carnival City as well as the streets of St. John's immediately after every event.

"We have had our food safety training this month specifically geared towards those individuals who will be involved in the preparation, handling, and sale of food during the carnival.

"We also had an engagement with the vendors to explain what our public health inspectors will be looking for when they carry out their inspections during the shows," she explained.



Among the several teams that the department will deploy are public health inspectors who will ensure that those in the food handling business wear a badge to certify that they completed the training.

The inspectors will also want to see hot and cold food devices. Hand-washing and personal protection equipment will also be included on the list of things these vendors



must have in place.

These public health inspectors will be inspecting food operations in Carnival City, Shanty Town, and on the streets of St. John's throughout the Carnival period.

Regarding the clean-up after the Carnival events, separate teams of individuals will be deployed to Carnival City, its environs, and the city streets starting at 2:00 a.m. each day and running until the city is clean for the start of the workday.

Another team of individuals will be assigned to ensure the proper workings of the public bathrooms in Carnival City, while vector control officers will carry out regular surveillance checks to handle any vector issues before they become major.

According to Mannix, the department will utilize its own staff in the various teams, but concerning the sanitation assignments, the department will buttress its staff by sub-contracting much of the clean-up to private contractors.



Residents urged to be on high alert for carnival

The police are appealing to residents and visitors to be on high alert throughout the carnival season and pay closer attention to safety and security. The police have also issued several crime prevention tips to ensure the safety of all.

1. Residents are asked to be mindful of their surroundings and avoid taking unnecessary risks that may expose them to harm or danger.

2. Avoid exposing too many pieces of jewelry and large amounts of cash in public places.

3. Avoid using ATMs late at night. Persons utilizing ATMs should ensure that the machines are not tampered with, and every effort should be made to protect your PIN.

4. Avoid walking in remote or poorly lit areas late at night. If possible, it is advised that you walk in pairs or groups.

5. Pay attention while walking. Do not walk and text; especially in crowded areas or during late hours.

6. Be sure to secure your house before leaving home. Ensure all windows and doors are securely fastened. Where possible, leave adequate lighting around

the house.

7. Vehicle owners should take time to secure their vehicles, and avoid leaving keys in the ignition or doors.

8. Avoid parking vehicles in poorly lit areas. It is recommended that you park your vehicle in a secure parking lot, and make periodic checks on your vehicle.

9. Desist from leaving valuable items inside your vehicle in plain view of the public. This will only encourage thieves to break into your vehicle.

10. Home and business owners are advised to properly secure cooking gas cylinders to avoid them being stolen.

11. Vendors and shop owners are encouraged to have proper security measures in place. This should include having adequate lighting and proper methods of securing cash and other valuable items.

12. The police are also appealing to vendors to desist from serving drinks in bottles and cans during the carnival season.

13. Persons having minors or elderly people under their care should pay close

attention to them at all times. Every effort must be made to keep them safe from any potential threat or harm.

14. Livestock and vegetable farmers are asked to guard against theft and make frequent visits to their farms and report any suspicious activity to the police without delay.

15. Members of the public are cautioned not to purchase items that may have been stolen or illegally obtained.

Finally, the police are issuing a stern warning to revellers and those planning to attend the various shows for the carnival, to refrain from carrying weapons to any of the events. Anyone found in possession of an offensive weapon will be arrested.

The police administration is assuring the general public that it will be maximizing all its available resources to ensure the safety and security of every citizen and visitor to this country.

The administration is further calling upon everyone to give the police their full support and cooperation, as they continue in their effort of maintaining law and order.

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Centre of Excellence for Antigua and Barbuda out of SIDS4

The SIDS4 Conference, which will be hosted next year in Antigua and Barbuda, is beginning to take shape, and its outcome will likely have far-reaching results for the future of the many island nations that will be represented at the ground-breaking event.

The stage is being set well ahead of the meeting scheduled for May 27 – 30 next year, for lasting policies and enduring positions that will precipitate the shift in fortunes that Small Island Developing States have been seeking for decades.

In this connection, as the host country, the Antigua and

Barbuda Permanent Mission to the United Nations has maintained a constant presence at various meetings, where it can field questions and share information about next year’s meeting.

At one such recent meeting convened by the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), Antigua and Barbuda’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Walton Aubrey Webson joined fruitful discussions on important matters on the SIDS agenda, and enlightened participants about preparations for SIDS4.

The meeting discussed pertinent issues related to the



Antigua and Barbuda's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador Walton Webson addressing the recently convened meeting by AOSIS. On his right is Senior Advisor to SIDS Simona Marinescu while on his left is UNOPS Executive Director, USG Jorge Moreira Da Silva, who is seated next to Chair of AOSIS Ambassador Fatumanava Pa'olelei Luteru of Samoa.

data and financing gap being faced by SIDS and the work being undertaken by The PVBLIC Foundation and the Family Offices for Sustainable Development across the UN system on data and technology.

In attendance were the Current Chair of AOSIS Ambassador Fatumanava Pa’olelei Luteru, Executive Director of the United Nations Office of Project Services (UNOPS), Under Secretary General Jorge Moreira da Silva, Senior Advisor to SIDS Simona Marinescu and joining remotely was the Board Chairman of The PVBLIC Foundation Sergio Fernandez de Cordova.

The dialogue on data and technology was of intrinsic value to Ambassador Webson. Antigua and Barbuda will be using next year’s conference to launch a Centre of Excellence where a Data Hub will be housed.

It will help island nations overcome their challenges in readily sourcing and providing the information international institutions require in granting developmental and concessional financing.

The concept has won the approval of AOSIS Ambassadors and will be hosted in Antigua and Barbuda. The Government of Antigua and Barbuda and its partners will support its development and operation. The centre will build capacity, monitor, and track the SIDS next ten-year plan, and be the hub for innovation and technology in the SIDS regions.

The theme of next year’s conference is ‘SIDS4 – Charting the Course towards Resilient Prosperity’ a rallying call to action for island nations to once and for all address their unique challenges, in particular those related to climate change and burdensome debt.

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In the Estate of “FERNELLA SAMUEL” a.k.a. “FERNELLA ELIZABETH SAMUEL” a.k.a “FERNELLA PETERS nee SAMUEL”, late of Potters Village, St. John’s, Antigua, Deceased.	
ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT	
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TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by SISLYN NANCY NAOMI PETERS, of 215 E. 164 th Street, Apt. 5 H, Bronx, NY 10456 USA, and formerly of Potters Village, St. John’s, Antigua, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the lawful daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 11 th day of June, 2022.	
Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this Notice.	
Dated the 18 th day of July, 2023	
TALIA N. DACOSTA STAPLETON CHAMBERS ATTORNEY-AT-LAW FOR THE APPLICANT	
<small>Filed by STAPLETON CHAMBERS Attorneys-at-law whose address for service is STAPLETON CHAMBERS, STAPLETON HOUSE, SUITE #2, STAPLETON LANE, P.O. BOX 2891, ST. JOHN'S, ANTIGUA; craig.jacas@stapletonchambers.com; Tel: (268) 562-7185 Fax: (268) 562-7967 Applicant in Person whose address for service is the same as above.</small>	

The Island Girls have done it...Again!!!

In an extraordinary feat of courage and determination, Team Antigua Island Girls, an exceptional all-female rowing team from Antigua and Barbuda, and the first all-female, black team to row across the Atlantic Ocean, have achieved another momentous victory, that is being celebrated across the twin-island Caribbean nation, known for its tropical climate, turquoise wa-

ters and sailing culture.

On July 23, 2023, Team Antigua Island Girls successfully navigated and rowed across the treacherous expanse of the Pacific Ocean, the largest body of water in the world, in support of a noble cause.

Their awe-inspiring endeavour, which saw the girls spend forty-one days at sea for the inaugural 2023 Pa-

cific Challenge, has not only demonstrated the power of women's strength and resilience but also raised funds for building a home for vulnerable girls in need.

Comprising remarkable athletes Christal Clashing, Kevinia Francis, and Samara Emmanuel, Team Antigua Island Girls set forth on their mission

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Thur 27th | 4:30pm
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to make a profound impact on young lives.

Their dedication and unwavering spirit aimed to raise funds for a charitable cause: building a home for women in conflict with the law, providing them with a second chance in life, and fostering women's empowerment.

Rowing an astonishing distance of approximately 2,800 nautical miles across the Pacific, in 'the world's toughest row', their jour-

ney began in Monterey Bay, California, and culminated in Kauai, Hawaii. Among fourteen teams, the Team Antigua Island Girls emerged as true champions, exemplifying the solidarity and strength of women alongside their fellow all-women team, Row Aurora.

"Through our efforts, we hope to raise awareness about the importance of women's empowerment and provide a brighter future for young girls who deserve a

second chance in life," said Kevinia Francis, representing the Team Antigua Island Girls.

The triumph of Team Antigua Island Girls has garnered widespread admiration, with notable figures expressing their pride and support.

Antigua and Barbuda's Minister of Tourism, Charles Fernandez, commended the team stating, "Their dedication to raising funds for young girls in need is truly honourable, and they are a

shining example of the positive impact that sports and women's empowerment can have on our society."

As witnesses to their triumph and advocates for their cause, all of Antigua and Barbuda are urged to support the Island Girls and their noble mission.

Together, all can make a difference and turn the tides of compassion and generosity, steering young women toward a future filled with hope, opportunity, and empowerment.

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Charitable group 'Friends of MSJMC' makes another donation

The Friends of Mount St. John's Medical Centre (soon to be Friends of SLB-MC) donated 65 over-bed tables to the hospital, valued at over \$ 30 thousand.

President of FoMSJMC Dwayna Derrick said, "We try our best to raise funds to support our only hospital (the) Government cannot do it all."

She noted that during one of her visits, she noticed that the over-bed tables were in a state of disrepair and needed to be replaced. This spurred action on be-

half of her group to rally behind this cause and raise the needed funds.

SLBMC Director of Nursing, Jacqueline Ino-Baptiste thanked FoMSJMC for the "gift of convenience and comfort" they have provided for the patients and for their ongoing support of the SLBMC.

It was noted that in the case of one corporate citizen, Rubis Caribbean significantly contributed to the cause, by underwriting the cost for ten of the 65 over-bed tables.



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Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre is seeking to recruit a highly experienced and motivated **Financial Reporting Analyst**. This individual provides support leadership to the financial reporting unit in order to ensure the timely and accurate reporting of external and internal financial information to Executive Management, Board of Directors and or other authorized parties.

The position will work closely with the Accounting Manager to achieve the unit's objectives.

EDUCATION AND COMPETENCIES

- Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or related field
- In the final stages of completing an accounting qualification (CPA, ACCA, CA, etc.)
- Minimum of 2 years experience within the Accounting field
- External Audit experience would be considered an asset
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Knowledgeable in International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)
- Experience with Microsoft Dynamics GP would be considered an asset
- Effective oral and written communication
- Must pay close attention to detail
- Exceptional interpersonal skills, respect for confidentiality, tact, discretion and teamwork.
- Must have the highest standard of ethics
- Must be Goal orientated and self-driven
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- Excellent time management and organizational skills

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- Balance Sheet Reconciliations.
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- Support External Audit.
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- Any other reasonable duties as assigned by the Accounting Manager and/or Financial Controller.

Email your resume to: HRM@msjmc.gov.ag indicating the position you are applying for by August 4, 2023. ONLY suitable candidates will be contacted.

IOM to host important discussion on migration in the Caribbean

The issue of migration is now topical in the Caribbean as regional security authorities identify it as a major concern for the region.

The UN International Organisation on Migration (IOM) has announced a series of discussions on the subject starting today (Wednesday, July 26).

“How can well-managed human mobility (described under SDG target 10.7) accelerate progress towards the other Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Caribbean?” This will be the over-arching theme of the first of a series of virtual conversations taking place on Wednesday 26 July 2023 at 11 am Eastern Caribbean Time,” an IOM media release asked.

It said the first episode of “Conversations on Migration in the Caribbean” will feature IOM Deputy Director General of Operations, Ugochi Daniels, en-

gaging with three prominent guests representing the Migration Policy Institute, UN Development Coordination Office, and the University of the West Indies, discussing the Current Status and Trends of Migration in the Caribbean. The virtual webinar will be live-streamed on IOM Caribbean social media, or for those who want to engage with questions or comments, on ZOOM at this link <https://bit.ly/3Q1b4xy>.

Ugochi Daniels is a senior manager in the global structure, in charge of the Operations of IOM-UN Migration at the global level. She will be joined by three panelists: Dr. Natasha Kay Mortley, Research Fellow at the Institute for Gender and Development Studies - Regional Coordinating Office at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica; Mr. Andrew Selee (PhD), President of the Migration Policy Institute since 2017 and

previous Executive Vice President of the Woodrow Wilson Center; and Yolanda Durant-Mcklmon, Senior Regional Coordination Officer and acting interim Team Leader acting, UN Development Coordination Office for Latin America and the Caribbean.

The panelists will be expected to bring diverse perspectives to the conversation, and the audience is asked to be free to share any comments or questions to be considered for discussion.

This virtual event is the first public engagement initiative of the IOM Caribbean office under its new Caribbean strategy (2023-2026). IOM is at a pivotal point in its relationship with the Caribbean, and for the first time, the Organization has developed a specific strategy to guide its work in the region until 2026, built on the principles of good migration governance promoted through policy, partnerships, and evidence-based communication. Recognizing the significance of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Caribbean Community CARICOM in July 2023, and the announcement of the intended implementation of full freedom of movement within the CARICOM region by March 2024, IOM Caribbean will use these conversations to create a forum for influential individuals and representatives of vulnerable groups to engage in discussions on a range of issues related to the phenomenon of migration in the Caribbean context.

IOM Caribbean plans to continue the Conversations, with the second episode of this virtual series, to engage the Private Sector in “Conversations on Migration in the Caribbean” in October 2023. For more information, contact the Communications Officer, of IOM Caribbean at malleyne@iom.int or follow IOM Caribbean on Facebook and Twitter for updated information.

CONVERSATIONS ON MIGRATION IN THE CARIBBEAN
THE CURRENT STATUS AND TRENDS OF MIGRATION IN THE CARIBBEAN

PANELISTS

Ugochi Daniels, Deputy Director General, IOM

Andrew Selee (PhD), Migration Policy Institute

Natasha Mortley (PhD), University of the West Indies

Yolanda Durant - PhD (hon), UN Development Coordination Office for Latin America and the Caribbean

WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 2023

VIRTUAL EVENT

10:00 - 11:15 JAMAICA/ EST GMT-05
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Sat Jul 22nd | 8:00pm | \$20

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Sun Jul 23rd | 8:00pm | \$25 | \$50

OFFICIAL OPENING

Thur Jul 27th | 3:00pm - 9:00pm

FACEOFF

Fri Jul 28th | 9:00pm

CAVALIER RUM TSHIRT MAS

Sat Jul 29th | 3:00pm - 9:00pm

**OASIS JR CARNIVAL
SMALTA JR CALYPSO**

2:30pm
6:00pm

Sun Jul 30th | \$15

JAYCEES QUEEN SHOW

Mon Jul 31st | 8:00pm | \$50 | \$150

DRUESDAY

Tue Aug 1st | 9:00pm

**GLOBAL PORTS
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Wed Aug 2nd | 8:00pm | \$15

COOL & SMOOTH MELTING POT
Thur Aug 3rd | 8:00pm | \$65 | \$350

**CARIB BEER
CALYPSO MONARCH**
Fri Aug 4th | 8:00pm | \$30

**STATE INSURANCE
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Sat Aug 5th | 8:00pm | \$30

APUA INET PARTY MONARCH
Sun Aug 6th | 8:00pm | \$40

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3:00am - 10:00am
**CAVALIER RUM
CARNIVAL MONDAY**
Mon Aug 7th | 2:00pm

**CAVALIER RUM
PARADE OF THE BANDS**
Tue Aug 8th | 12 Noon

LAST LAP
Tue Aug 8th | 7:00pm

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Travel recovery to boost global economy, says IMF

By Jonathan Josephs

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) increased its forecast of how much the global economy will grow this year to 3%.

The 0.2% improvement from April's forecast was partly driven by increased post-pandemic travel.

A strong jobs market and services sector was also included in the predicted uptick.

But soaring consumer prices and higher interest rates remained risks in developed nations, the IMF said.

China's delicate economic recovery was also amongst the biggest risks on the horizon.

The IMF's chief economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas told the BBC that the recovery from the pandemic is still having an impact.

He said in the first three months of 2023, there was a "strong resilience" in the demand for services, going out, and travel and tourism.

"Those countries [that] are tourist destinations have done relatively well.

"Those countries [that] are more manufacturing hubs have done maybe a little bit less strongly," Mr Gourinchas added.

The latest numbers from the International Air Transport Association show that in May global air traffic continued its recovery, reaching 96.1% of pre-covid levels.

However, the IMF says there is limited room for further recovery in tourism dependent economies in southern Europe, some of which have been badly damaged by wildfires.

So-called emerging economies such as China and India are set to



The IMF says post-pandemic demand for travel is helping global economic growth.

see the fastest growth this year as advanced economies including Europe and the United States grow at a slower pace.

The United Kingdom has had one of the biggest upgrades in growth since the last forecasts in April, with the IMF reconfirming May's expectation of growth of 0.4%, rather than a decline of 0.3%.

The IMF said this reflected falling "stronger-than-expected consumption and investment from the confidence effects of falling energy prices", and "lower post-Brexit uncertainty".

However it leaves UK's growth as the second slowest in the G7 group of major economies with only Germany faring worse, with a 0.3% contraction expected.

The Eurozone's biggest economy is already in recession because higher prices have led consumers to cut back on spending.

Mr Gourinchas encouraged central banks to do what they could to continue bringing down soaring consumer prices, known as inflation.

The US Federal Reserve, Bank of England and European Central Bank are all still some way off hitting their 2% inflation targets.

Banks have been raising interest rates to make borrowing more expensive, and to cool down the economy.

It has led to interest rates being at their highest since before the 2008 global financial crisis.

The US central bank and the European Central Bank are both widely expected to increase the cost of borrowing again this week.

There is continued uncertainty as a result of the ongoing debt problems in China's property market as the country's nervous recovery from the pandemic continues.

The fate of China, the war in Ukraine, inflation and the higher cost of borrowing money are some of the biggest challenges facing the global economy, the IMF cautions.

It says that although the outlook for the global economy is looking more positive, it remains below the 3.8% average seen in pre-pandemic 2000 and 2019.



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OFFICIAL PARADE ROUTES 2023



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Antigua's Tenth Month 2023

27 JUL **OPENING PARADE | 4:30PM**
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 Route: RIGHT on to Independence Drive, LEFT on Redcliffe St, RIGHT on Thames St, RIGHT on High Street, LEFT on Independence Drive into ARG.

29 JUL **CAVALIER RUM T-SHIRT MAS | 3PM - 9PM**
 Assembly point: Old Parham Road near the T.N. Kirnon School
 Route: UP Old Parham Road, RIGHT on St. Johnson's Village Main Road, RIGHT on Factory Road, LEFT on to Parliament Drive, and RIGHT on to Queen Elizabeth Highway, RIGHT on Independence Drive, LEFT on Redcliffe Street, RIGHT on Thames Street, RIGHT on High Street

30 JUL **OASIS JR. CARNIVAL | 2:30PM**
 Assembly point: King George V Grounds
 Route: UP Market St, LEFT on Redcliffe Street, RIGHT on Thames Street, RIGHT on High St, LEFT on Independence Drive, Right on Old Parham Road, Right on Coronation Road into ARG

7 AUG **J'OUVERT | 3AM - 10AM**
 Steel Bands ARG - SOUTH on Independence Drive, RIGHT on Redcliffe St, RIGHT on Market St, RIGHT on High St, left on Independence Drive repeat until 10 am
 Jam Bands ARG - SOUTH on Independence Drive, RIGHT on Vivian Richards St, RIGHT on Market St, LEFT on Redcliffe St, RIGHT on Thames St, RIGHT on High St, Right on Independence Drive, repeat until 10 am

7 AUG **CAVALIER RUM CARNIVAL MONDAY | 2PM**
 Assembly point: Corner of Factory Road & Parliament Drive
 Route: RIGHT on Queen Elizabeth Highway, RIGHT on Independence Drive, LEFT on Redcliffe St, RIGHT on Thames St, RIGHT on High Street, LEFT on Independence Drive

8 AUG **CAVALIER RUM PARADE OF THE BAND | 12 NOON**
 Assembly point: Corner of Factory Road & Parliament Drive
 Route: RIGHT on Queen Elizabeth Highway, LEFT on Independence Drive, RIGHT on Vivian Richards St, RIGHT on Market St, LEFT on Newgate St, RIGHT on Popeshead St, RIGHT on St John's St, RIGHT on Cross St, LEFT on Bishopgate St, LEFT on Old Parham Road, Right on Coronation Road into ARG

8 AUG **LAST LAP | 7PM - 10PM**
 Route: UP Old Parham Road, RIGHT on St. Johnson's Village Main Road, RIGHT on Factory Road, LEFT on to Parliament Drive, and RIGHT on to Queen Elizabeth Highway, RIGHT on Independence Drive



Europe and US heatwaves near 'impossible' without climate change

By Georgina Rannard

The heatwaves battering Europe and the US in July would have been “virtually impossible” without human-induced climate change, a scientific study says.

Global warming from burning fossil fuels also made the heatwave affecting parts of China 50 times more likely.

Climate change meant the heatwave in southern Europe was 2.5C hotter, the study finds.

Almost all societies remain unprepared for deadly extreme heat, experts warn.

The study's authors say its findings highlight the importance of the world adapting to higher temperatures because they are no longer “rare”.

“Heat is among the deadliest types of disaster,” says Julie Arrighi from the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, and also one of the authors.

Countries must build heat-resistant homes, create “cool centres” for people to find shelter, and find ways to cool cities including planting more trees, she says.

In July, temperature records were broken in parts of China, the southern US and Spain. Millions of peo-



Temperatures reached 45C in Rome, Italy in the recent heatwave.

ple spent days under red alerts for extreme heat.

Experts say extreme heat can be a very serious threat to life, especially among the elderly. According to one study, more than 61,000 people were estimated to have died from heat-related causes during last year's heatwaves in Europe.

“This study confirms what we knew before. It shows again just how much climate change plays a role in what we are currently experiencing,” said Friederike Otto from Imperial College London.

Climate scientists say decades of humans pumping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere are causing global temperatures to rise.

But not all extreme weather events can immediately be linked directly to climate change because natural weather patterns can also play a part.

Scientists in the UK, US and Netherlands in the World Weather Attribution group studied the recent heatwaves to identify the fingerprint of climate change.

Using computer models, they simulated a world without the effects of emissions pumped into the atmosphere to the real-world temperatures seen during the heatwaves.

The North American heatwave was 2°C (3.6°F) hotter and the heatwave in China was 1°C hotter be-

cause of climate change, the scientists concluded.

The world has warmed 1.1C compared to the pre-industrial period before humans began burning fossil fuels.

If temperature rise reaches 2C, which many experts warn is very likely as countries fail to reduce their emissions quickly enough, these events will occur every two to five years, the scientists say.

The study also considered the role of El Niño, a naturally occurring powerful climate fluctuation that began in June. It leads to higher global temperatures as warm waters rise to the surface in the tropical Pacific

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TikTok adds text-only posts as social media battle escalates

By Annabelle Liang

Chinese-owned video streaming app TikTok says it will offer text-only posts as competition between social media giants heats up.

The platform says the new feature gives users “another way to express themselves”.

Earlier this month, TikTok launched a new music streaming service to rival platforms like Spotify and Apple Music.

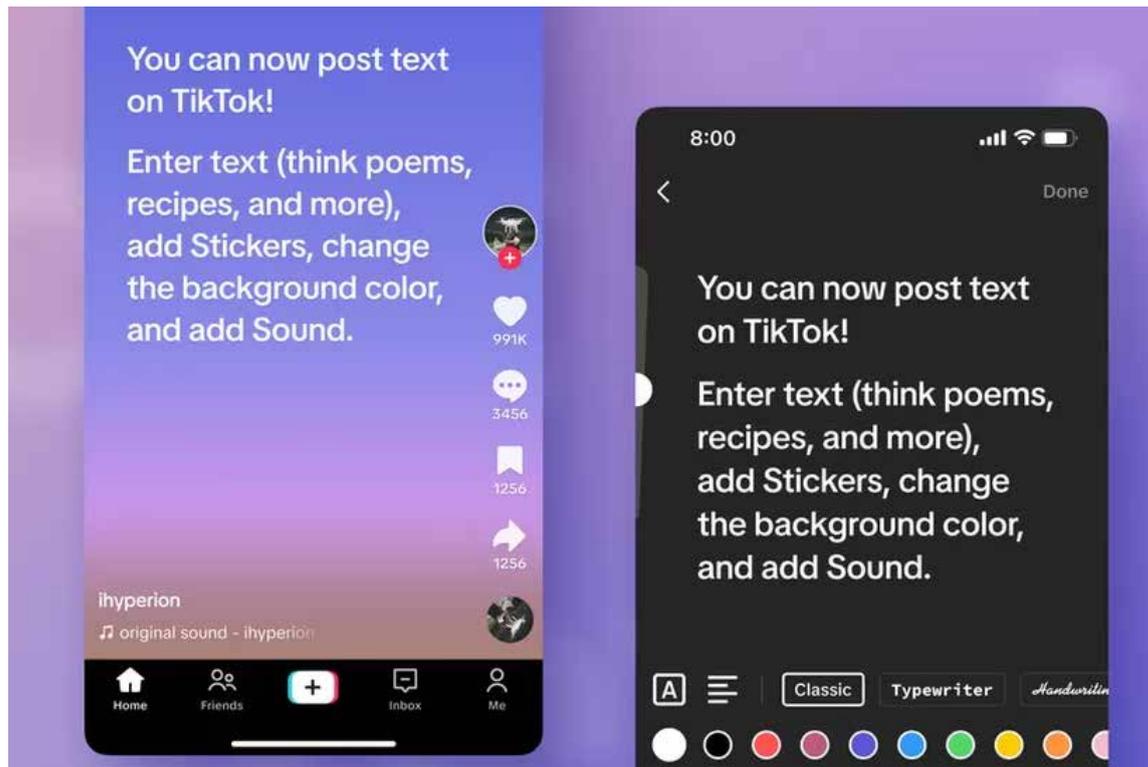
And on Monday, Elon Musk’s Twitter ditched its famous blue bird logo and switched to a black and white X.

TikTok users will now be offered three options on the app - whether to post photos, videos or text.

They will also be able to customise posts by adding sound, location or Duets, which are video reactions to posts by other TikTok users.

“These features make it so your text posts are just as dynamic and interactive as any video or photo post,” TikTok said.

TikTok, which is owned



TikTok's new text-only feature.

by China’s ByteDance, recently launched a new music streaming service, TikTok Music, in Brazil and Indonesia.

Last week, the company also rolled out a beta version of the service in Singapore, Mexico and Australia.

A spokesman said it would allow users to “listen, share and download the music they have discovered on TikTok, as well as share their

favourite tracks and artists with their TikTok community”.

The app is testing other features including a new landscape mode with select users around the world.

In 2021, TikTok became the world’s most popular online destination as it had more hits than US search engine giant Google.

That year, the app also said it had more than one bil-

lion active users globally.

Competition between rival social media firms - such as Instagram owner Meta and X, Mr Musk’s rebranded Twitter platform - have heated up in recent weeks.

This month, Meta’s new Threads platform went live on Apple and Android app stores in 100 countries, including the UK.

Meta boss Mark Zuckerberg later said his company’s Threads platform had signed up more than 100 million users in less than five days.

Also this week, the blue bird branding on social network Twitter was replaced by a logo featuring a white X on a black background.

The term tweets will also be changed to “x’s”, according to Mr Musk.

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ic ocean and push heat into the air.

The study concluded that El Niño probably played a small part but that increased temperatures from burning fossil fuels was the main driver in the more intense heatwaves.

A run of climate records have fallen in recent weeks, including global average temperatures and sea surface temperatures

particularly in the North Atlantic.

Experts say the speed and timing is “unprecedented” and warn that more records could tumble in the coming weeks and months.

Dangerous wildfires in Greece forced thousands of people to evacuate hotels at the weekend. Experts say that the hot and dry weather created favourable conditions for fire to spread more easily.

Morocco to open consulate in St Vincent and the Grenadines

By Dillon De Shong

Morocco will soon open a consulate in St Vincent and the Grenadines to increase its diplomatic presence in the Caribbean.

Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves revealed this development following a trip

to Rabat, Morocco that ended yesterday.

Morocco will set up a consulate in St Vincent and the Grenadines. In fact, they are supposed to be coming in October to begin the process of getting premises and shortly thereafter to put

things in place," he said in an interview with the state-run Agency For Public Information (API).

"They have a mission in St Lucia but they are going to split, they're gonna evolve the one in St Vincent, hopefully into a full-



Prime Minister Dr Ralph Gonsalves.

fledged embassy and to split the jurisdiction. I think they recognised the importance of the leadership in St Vincent and the Grenadines.

Gonsalves highlighted that Morocco has been in engaging the Caribbean for more than 20 years and this is just another step in their commitment to work with the region. He said this is a positive thing for St Vincent and the Grenadines as the country is seeking to build links with both African and Arab countries.

He hailed his visit to Morocco as one of his most successful trips to the kingdom as he was able to build on the long-standing relationship between Morocco and St Vincent and the Grenadines.

The prime minister said he was able to secure deeper cooperation in the fields of agriculture and fertilizer development, tourism training and more scholarships for Vincentian students to study at some of Morocco's top tertiary educations.



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St Lucia gov't dismisses concerns about UK visa restrictions

CMC - The St Lucia government has dismissed opposition concerns that the United Kingdom government would place visa restrictions on citizens here as it did with Dominica last week solely for migration and border security reasons.

London said that the visa, which went into effect immediately, meant that nationals of Dominica and four other countries would also be required to obtain a Direct Airside Transit Visa if they intend to transit via the UK.

The UK government said that a "careful consideration of Dominica's operation of a citizenship by investment scheme has shown clear and evident abuse of the scheme, including the granting of citizenship to individuals known to pose a risk to the UK".

Dominica and St Lucia are among a handful of Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries with a Citizenship by Investment Programme (CBI) through which foreign investors are granted citizenship of the island in return for making substantial investments in the socio-economic development of the country.

Deputy Prime Minister Dr Ernest Hilaire has dismissed suggestions by the main opposition United Workers Party (UWP) that St Lucians could be next to need a visa to enter Britain.

In the statement, the UWP said it is "deeply concerned" at reports suggesting that St Lucia may lose its visa-free access to the UK in the coming months.

"The reports indicate that the decision is a direct response to consistent concerns raised about Saint Lucia's Citizenship by Investment Programme," the party said, adding that the e current visa-free arrangement has provided thousands of St Lucians with the opportunity to visit the United Kingdom for leisure, business and to



Dr Ernest Hilaire.

connect with family and friends without the burden and expense of obtaining a visa".

"The potential loss of this privilege has raised alarm and apprehension among our people and will have significant implications for our citizens, affecting their freedom to travel, their ability to maintain family ties, and their participation in international business and cultural exchanges.

"The United Kingdom has been a longstanding partner and destination for many Saint Lucians, and the prospect of losing this visa waiver is distressing to the entire nation," the opposition party said.

"Could this be indicative of rising security concerns stemming from St. Lucia's willingness under this Labour administration to court individuals who should undergo greater scrutiny in the CIP process? Only the Minister for Investment and the Prime Minister can clarify those issues," the UWP said, urging the government "to keep the public informed and engaged regarding their actions and progress in addressing this matter".

But Hilaire told reporters that the British government statement had clearly indicated that its actions were against Dominica.

"They never mentioned St Lucia, never mentioned St Kitts, never mentioned Antigua, never mentioned Grenada," Hilaire said, noting that a story had been circulating here from an unknown source, declaring that after Dominica, St Lucia would be next in August, and others would follow in September and October.

Hilaire told reporters that everyone focuses, not on the official British government statement, but on the article from the unknown source.

"As far as we know, and we are in constant dialogue with all our international partners, there are no issues in our CBI that need addressing now. Our CBI is reputed to have one of the best if not the best due diligence process.

"There has been no issue brought before us as relates to our CBI. If, and I repeat, if any international partner raises any issue with us, we will address it. At this point, there is nothing that has been flagged to us," he stated, adding that St Lucia was still reviewing the CBI to make it better.

The Deputy Prime Minister said that St Lucia would soon announce the measures for streamlining the application process, strengthening due diligence and changing the CBI to more reflect the market.

IACHR grants precautionary measures to indigenous community in Guyana

CMC - The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) has granted precautionary measures in favour of members of the indigenous Carib Community of Chinese Landing in Guyana, who it says are currently at serious, urgent risk of suffering irreparable harm to their human rights.

The petition indicates that they are facing threats, harassment and acts of violence in the context of their opposition to mining activities in their lands.

The IACHR said the representatives alleged repetitive incidents of threats and harassment, which would occur “daily” or “regularly”; informed on acts against persons in particular vulnerability such as aggression to a young man, attempted rape of a minor, and threat with a knife against an elder person; as well as the extensive use of firearms, with firing incidents.

“The beneficiaries have also received collective death threats, reportedly perpetrated by mine workers. For example, the toshao, who is the leader of the community, was allegedly warned that if the village wins its lands back, the miners would not leave easily and people would die.”

The IACHR said that Guyana informed about actions to mitigate alleged risks and investigate the reported situation.

It said that between May 18 and 22 last year, a patrol was deployed to conduct security threat assessments and disrupt any illegal activities. Between June 26-28, authorities held several meetings with the various Village Councils and residents, including Chinese Landing, and the police in Santa Cruz was given direc-



tives to conduct routine patrols within Chinese Landing. In addition, on March 26th this year, the Regional Commander along with the regional crime inspector and other members of the regional police force conducted follow-up investigations at Chinese Landing to address the threat allegations.

The IACHR said that it took note of the actions informed by Guyana to investigate the beneficiaries’ risk situation.

“Nevertheless, while the IACHR valued these actions, it noted that they have not resulted in identifying suspects, the start of criminal trials, and/or holding perpetrators responsible.

“The Commission observed that several claims brought by the beneficiaries on risk events were dismissed by the State as misleading or for lacking evidence, without indicating that investigations have taken place.

“Likewise, the IACHR took note of the seriousness of the information which indicated the involvement of State police force in the events of risk. In addition, the Commission noticed that the State has not informed on risk evaluations carried out in fa-

vour of the beneficiaries and their leaders, particularly considering the collective nature of the risk alleged.”

Consequently, the IACHR requested that Guyana take the necessary measures to protect the rights to life and personal integrity of the members of the Indigenous Carib Community of Chinese Landing identified as beneficiaries, with a cultural, gender-based, and age-appropriate perspective to prevent threats, harassment, and other acts of violence against the beneficiaries.

Guyana should also consult and agree upon the measures to be adopted with the beneficiaries and their representatives and report on the actions taken to investigate the events that led to the adoption of this precautionary measure, so as to prevent such events from reoccurring.

“The fact that this precautionary measure has been granted and its adoption by the state does not entail a prejudgment on any petition that may eventually be filed before the Inter-American System to allege that the rights protected by the American Convention and other applicable instruments have been violated,” the IACHR said.

Pastor at kidnapped US girl's funeral in 1975 charged with her murder

By Sam Cabral

A retired US church pastor who presided nearly half a century ago at the funeral of a kidnapped eight-year-old girl has been charged with her murder.

Gretchen Harrington went missing in the Philadelphia suburb of Marple Township on the morning of 15 August 1975 while attending summer Bible camp.

Earlier this year, an anonymous woman told investigators she believed her best friend's father was the culprit.

David Zandstra, 83, is now charged with murder and kidnapping of a minor.

"He is every parent's worst nightmare," Delaware County District Attorney Jack Stollsteimer told reporters on Monday.

"He killed this poor eight-year-old girl he knew and who trusted him. And then, he acted as if he was a family friend, not only during her burial and the period after that, but for years."

Interest in the case was revived in part by a book published last year, called *Marple's Gretchen Harrington Tragedy: Kidnapping, Murder and Innocence Lost in Suburban Philadelphia*.

In 1975, Mr Zandstra was pastor at the Trinity Christian Reformed Church. Bible camps were



The best friend of David Zandstra's daughter suspected he was the killer.

held on its premises each morning and he would then transport the children to a second church.

But Gretchen never showed up at the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and it was Mr Zandstra himself who reported her disappearance to police that morning.

Her remains would be found in a nearby wooded area nearly two months later.

The suspect was a family friend of the Harringtons, helped search for her and even presided over the child's funeral, sources told CBS News, the BBC's US partner.

Investigators say Mr Zandstra had invited Gretchen into his car once she was out of view of her late father, who had watched her walk up the road from the family home.

A witness interviewed soon afterwards reported seeing the girl speak to the driver of a vehicle similar to Mr Zandstra's green Rambler station wagon.

But when interviewed by police at the time, the pastor denied having seen Gretchen that day.

In January this year, investigators spoke with the best friend of Mr Zandstra's daughter.

She told them she often slept over at their house and, at age 10, once woke to find the pastor groping her.

The woman also showed police a 1975 diary entry in which she wrote: "I think he might be the one who kidnapped Gretchen. I think it was Mr Z."

Mr Zandstra moved several times, living in California and Texas before his arrest last week in Georgia by Pennsylvania State Police, at which point police say he confessed to the crime.

The suspect is being held in a local jail and is due to be extradited to Pennsylvania.

Joanna Falcone Sullivan, who wrote *Marple's Gretchen Harrington Tragedy*,

told the BBC she believes her book with co-author Mike Mathis helped surface new leads.

The writer said they interviewed Mr Zandstra for the book and he "sounded like he didn't remember everything that transpired that morning. His wife remembered a lot better".

"We kind of chalked it up to age," Mrs Sullivan said.

She added: "The story has affected the community so much.

"This crime still comes up in the Facebook neighbourhood groups."

The state trooper to whom police say Mr Zandstra confessed his crime said on Monday the suspect seemed relieved.

"I don't know if he's sorry for what he did, but this is a weight off his shoulders for sure," Eugene Tray said.

In a statement, the Harrington family said the arrest felt like "one step closer to justice".

"If you met Gretchen, you were instantly her friend. She exuded kindness to all and was sweet and gentle," they wrote.

"Even now, when people share their memories of her, the first thing they talk about is how amazing she was and still is... at just eight years old, she had a lifelong impact on those around her."

Qin Gang: China removes foreign minister after unexplained absence

China has removed Qin Gang as foreign minister less than seven months after he was appointed to the post.

Mr Qin had been seen as a close associate of President Xi Jinping. He is replaced by veteran Communist Party foreign affairs chief Wang Yi.

Mr Qin's prolonged disappearance from public view - and official silence over it - has fuelled furious speculation.

The 57-year-old's last known public engagements were on 25 June. No reason was given for his removal.

He had been appointed by China's leader to his post last December. Just over a month ago, he met US Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Beijing as the two sides sought to restore diplomatic contacts at the highest level.

His departure ends weeks of confusion, but leaves many questions unanswered.

"China's top legislature voted to appoint Wang Yi as foreign minister," state news agency Xinhua said.

"Qin Gang was removed from the post of foreign minister."

The report said President Xi had signed the decree authorising the move. Legislators also voted to replace China's outgoing Central Bank chief Yi Gang - who has reached retirement age - with economist Pan Gongsheng, Xinhua added.

Under the Chinese Communist Party system, foreign policy is formulated by a high-level official, who then directs the foreign minister to implement it.

Wang Yi, a career diplomat who speaks Japanese, is returning to a post he held between 2013 and 2022. He has been standing in for Mr Qin and is currently in South Africa attending a Brics national security meeting.



Qin Gang is one of the most high-level officials in the Chinese Communist Party to have been absent for this long.

Observers see the appointment of Mr Wang, 69, as a move to stabilise Chinese diplomacy.

Qin Gang was one of the best-known faces of the Chinese government. His prolonged absence was scrutinised not only by diplomats and China watchers, but also ordinary Chinese people.

When he disappeared from his normal duties a month ago and failed to attend a summit in Indonesia, the very brief official explanation given was unspecified health problems.

But the lack of any detail from his ministry led to speculation that he was being punished either for political reasons or because of an extra-marital affair.

His meeting with European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell, initially scheduled for 4 July, was then pushed back by China with no explanation, further fuelling rumours.

Asked about Mr Qin's whereabouts on Tuesday before news of his demise, a ministry spokesperson repeated her earlier line that she had no information - highlighting China's secrecy and the opacity of its system

of government.

Mr Qin is one of the most high-level officials in the Chinese Communist Party to have been absent for this long.

But it is not uncommon for high-profile figures in China to go out of public view for long periods of time, only to surface later as the subject of a criminal investigation. Or they could reappear with no explanation.

Xi Jinping himself vanished for a fortnight shortly before becoming China's leader in 2012, prompting speculation about his health and possible power struggles within the party.

Mr Qin's rise to become foreign minister was nothing short of dramatic. He is one of the youngest appointees to the post in China's history.

After less than two years in the role of ambassador to the US, where he gained a reputation as a tough-talking diplomat, he was named foreign minister last December.

Before that, he had been a foreign ministry spokesman and had helped organise Mr Xi's trips overseas - which gave him the opportunity to work closely with China's leader.

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Canada floods: Bodies of two children found in Nova Scotia

By Nadine Yousif

The bodies of two children missing for three days after devastating floods in the Canadian province of Nova Scotia have been found by police.

The children were traveling in a car with three others when the vehicle became submerged over the weekend.

Authorities have also recovered the body of a 52-year-old man, while another youth remains missing.

The flooding was caused by the heaviest torrential rains to hit the Atlantic Canada region in 50 years.

Hundreds had been evacuated at one point and several highways, local roads and properties have been damaged.

The children were travelling in one car, while the man and the missing youth were travelling in another when both became submerged in flood waters.

They were all from the town of West Hants, north of Halifax, home to about 15,000 residents.

The Royal Canadian



Nova Scotia was hit by 250 millimetres of rain in a 24-hour period - equivalent to what the province would usually see over three months.

Mounted Police said they recovered the bodies of one of the missing children on Tuesday morning, around 10:45 local time (14:45 BST).

The remains of the second child were found on Monday. Police did not confirm the ages of the children or the names of those dead and missing.

Three people survived after escaping from the car carrying the children, while two people escaped from the second car, which was carrying the man and the

missing youth.

Both groups were trying to flee their homes at the time, local officer Sgt Rob Frizzell told a news conference.

"They were leaving their residences trying to get to a safe area and that's when they were struck with the storm surge," Sgt Frizzell said.

Authorities continue to search for the missing youth with the help of industrial pumps that have been used to lower water levels.

Nova Scotia was hit by

250 millimetres (9.8 inches) of rain in a 24-hour period - equivalent to what the province would usually see over a three-month period, said premier Tim Houston.

The province is still in a state of emergency, which has been in effect since late Saturday due to the floods.

Some roads remain flooded as of Tuesday, authorities said, and drivers have been cautioned to take extra care.

Twenty-five bridges have been affected, and six were completely destroyed in the floods.

The flooding is the latest extreme weather event to hit northeast Canada - recent wildfires have burnt a record area, sending clouds of smoke south into the US and destroying dozens of homes in Nova Scotia.

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There has been huge interest in China in what happened to Qin Gang. The country's biggest search engine, Baidu, has seen a surge in searches for his name recently.

It is unusual for rumours about such a senior official to be discussed on the Chinese internet without complete censorship,

observers say.

"The absence of censorship makes people wonder if there is any truth to rumours about power struggles, corruption, the abuse of power and positions, and romantic relationships," Ian Chong from the National University of Singapore told the BBC last week.

Sports News



Samuel signs with pro team in France, Walker set to play in EuroLeague

By Carlena Knight

Barbudan basketballer Kevin ‘Loopy’ Samuel will get the opportunity to see his dream become a reality as news broke over the weekend that the 25-year-old has signed to a professional team in Europe.

Samuel, who is the son of Densel Samuel and Tyra Rose, made the announcement via social media that he will be gearing up for French team Aix Maurienne Savoie Basket in the 2024-2025 season.

“Dear Lord, continue to guide and protect me on this new chapter. Thank you for the opportunity you have blessed me with. The Dream was to be in the NBA but having the opportunity to be a Professional overseas works just the same. As long as I have the ability to help the family.

“Next stop France,” the South Alabama Jaguars center shared.

Samuel has had an impeccable collegiate career playing for schools like TCU and South Alabama.

Last season, while with the Jaguars in the NCAA, he averaged 10.3 points for 9.1 rebounds and 2.5 blocks.

He holds the TCU record for blocked shots racking up 206 while averaging 26.1 minutes per game and posting 823 points and 729 rebounds. His 206 career blocked shots ranked as the ninth most for any active player in the NCAA at the end of the 2020-2021 season.

In 2019-20, he had his best statistical season averaging 10.0 points, 8.4 rebounds, and a league-leading 2.7 blocks per game. His blocks per game also ranked 11th best in the NCAA, while his



Kevin ‘Loopy’ Samuel

85 total blocks were the second most in programme history. His 11 double-doubles ranked second among Big 12 players.

Samuel a few years ago had declared for the NBA Draft but subsequently withdrew his name “based on the feedback he received in training sessions with the various teams he thought it was best to withdraw his name”.

A tough decision for him at the time but fast forward to 2023 and the 6’11 former Sir McChesney George player will get to see his dream come true.

His news comes on the heels of another professional signing in Europe.

Former NBA starr, Kemba Walker who has Antiguan roots will also be suiting up this upcoming season for AS Monaco in the EuroLeague.

This is the first time the 33-year-old will be playing

in EuroLeague.

The one year deal is arguably the biggest signing for the league ever.

Before the signing deadline in the 2022-23 EuroLeague Regular Season, Walker had been rumoured with a move to Italian side EA7 Emporio Armani Milan following his exit from Dallas in January 2023.

Drafted No. 9 overall by then-named Charlotte Bobcats in 2011, Walker had an injury-riddled last four seasons after playing all 82 regular-season games in 2018-19.

Walker last played for the Dallas Mavericks. He also had stints at the Boston Celtics and New York Knicks.

AS Monaco finished third in the previous EuroLeague season, with former NBA guard Mike James being a leader of the Roca Team.



Kemba Walker

Philippines stun New Zealand at Women's World Cup

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) - Philippines shocked co-hosts New Zealand 1-0 to earn their first-ever win at the Women's World Cup yesterday (Tuesday).

New Zealand, who were looking to secure their progress into the knock-out stages for the first time, dominated possession and created chances to score, hitting the woodwork and having a goal ruled out by VAR. But it was Sarina Bolden's 24th-minute header that decided the game.

The surprise result leaves Group A up for grabs. Switzerland are top on four points following their draw with Norway, with New Zealand and Philippines both on three points. Norway are bottom with one point.

"I have to say, it's so heartbreaking for everyone in this team," said New Zealand's head coach Jitka Klimkova.

"We played to win today and it didn't go our way. I saw all our faces – we wanted it. We were fighting to the end, but it wasn't enough. We were missing a little piece in our execution and that was decisive today."

Bolden's goal was the first by any team making their debut at the 2023 Women's World Cup.

It came when the ball was crossed into the middle of the box from the right and Bolden headed in to spark wild celebrations among the Philippines players and fans.

Norway drew 0-0 against Switzerland in Group A to leave their chances of qualifying in serious doubt. Norway had lost to New Zealand in their first match, but Switzerland beat the Philippines, putting the pressure on the former world champions to claim victory on Tuesday in Hamilton.

Conditions were difficult with heavy rain from the start, and there



Philippines' Sarina Bolden reacts after scoring her team's first goal during the Women's World Cup Group A soccer match against New Zealand in Wellington, New Zealand, Tuesday, July 25th, 2023. (AP)

was further disruption for Norway from the start after Ballon d'Or winner Ada Hegerberg walked off before kick off as she felt a problem with her groin, to be replaced by Sofie Roman Haug.

The draw leaves both sides with plenty to do in the final match, with Norway to play the Philippines and Switzerland facing New Zealand in perhaps their toughest match of the group.

Colombia started their Women's World Cup campaign with a 2-0 victory over South Korea in Sydney.

Catalina Usme opened the scoring from the penalty spot before 18-year-old Linda Caicedo made it 2-0 in the 39th minute.

The game was also notable as South Korea substitute Casey Phair became the youngest-ever player at a Women's World Cup. Phair, aged 16

years and 26 days, was introduced in the 78th minute.

The previous record was held by Nigeria's Ifeanyi Chiejine, who was 16 years and 34 days old when she played at the World Cup in 1999.

Phair was born in South Korea, but moved to the United States when she was just a month old. She replaced Choe Yuri as South Korea pushed for a way back into the game.

South Korea fell behind against Colombia when Shim Seo-yeon was penalised for handball in the area and Usme converted from the spot.

Caicedo added a second soon after when she ran from midfield, cut in from the left and curled a shot which beat goalkeeper Yoon Young-geul.

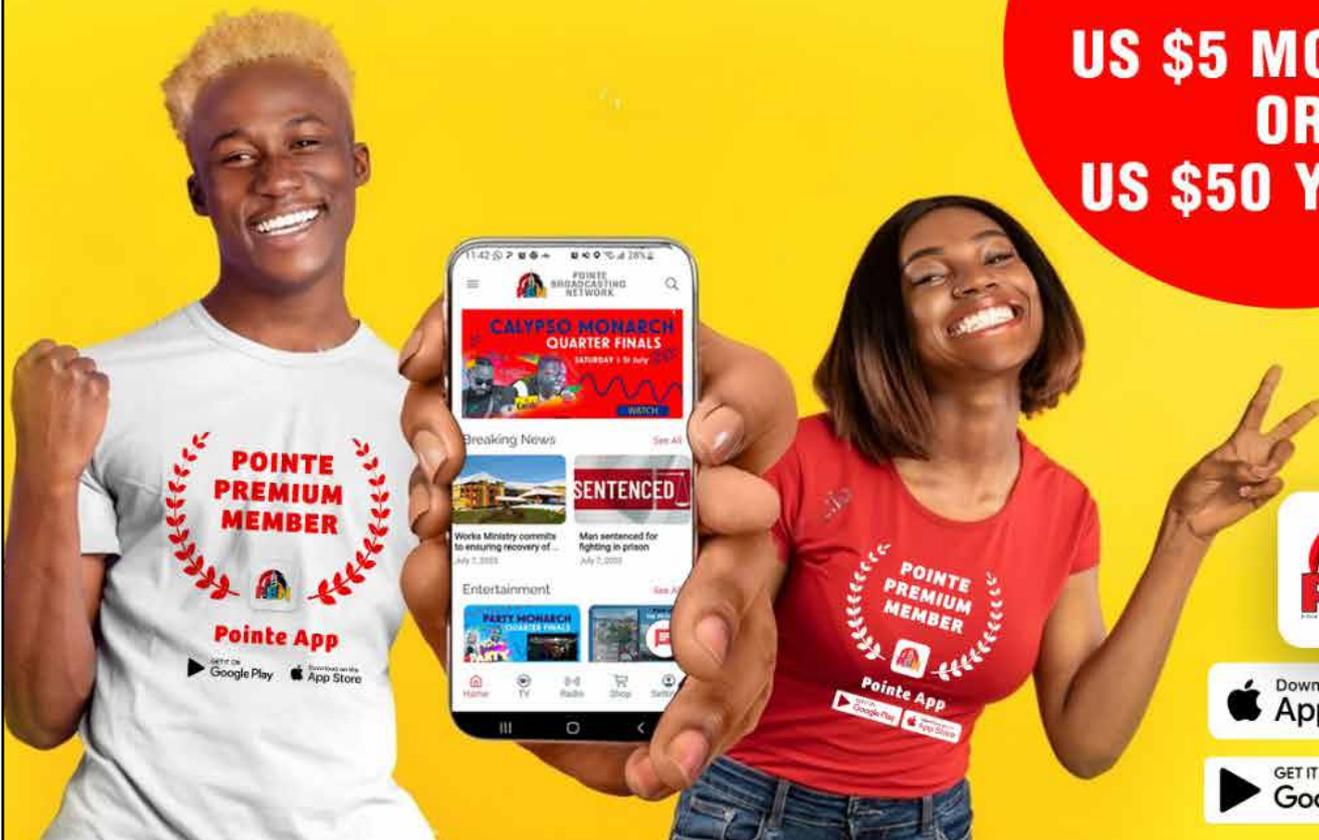
The win moves Colombia level on three points in Group H with Germany, who thrashed Morocco 6-0 in their first match.

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West Indies name squad for ODI Series

The Cricket West Indies (CWI) Senior Men’s Selection Panel has announced the squad for the three-match CG United One Day International (ODI) Series powered by YES BANK against India, which starts on Thursday, July 27th, at the Kensington Oval in Barbados. The 15-member squad was named following a four-day camp at the Kensington Oval, which was held to prepare the white-ball players for the upcoming CG United ODI Series, as well as the five-match T20I Series that follows.

The selectors have recalled left-handed batsman Shimron Hetmyer and fast bowler Oshane Thomas.

Fast bowler Jayden Seales and leg-spinner Yannic Cariah have been included following their rehabilitation from surgery. Left-arm spinner Gudakesh Motie is also included, having recovered from injury.

Lead Selector, Dr. Desmond Haynes said, “We welcome Oshane and Shimron



West Indies and Guyanese middle-order batsman Shimron Hetmyer has been recalled to the Caribbean side for the three-match CG United One Day International Series powered by YES BANK against India, which starts on Thursday, July 27th, at the Kensington Oval in Barbados. (CWI)

back into the group. Both have played at the international level before, with some success, and we believe they will fit well into the set-up.

“Oshane brings pace and is a potential wicket-taker with the new ball.

Shimron’s style of batting will offer a lot, especially in the middle stage of the innings and he is also a potential ‘finisher.’”

Guyanese all-rounder Keemo Paul is injured and unavailable, while Nicholas Pooran and Jason Holder are both unavailable for selection. The Kensington Oval in Barbados will host the first two encounters in the three-match CG United ODI Series on Thursday, 27th July and Saturday, 29th July.

The teams then move to Trinidad for the third and final CG United ODI at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy on Tuesday, August 1st. All three matches start at 9:30 am local time (8:30 am Jamaica time).

Windies Full Squad: Shai Hope (Captain), Rovman Powell (Vice Captain), Alick Athanaze, Yannic Cariah, Keacy Carty, Dominic Drakes, Shimron Hetmyer, Alzarri Joseph, Brandon King, Kyle Mayers, Gudakesh Motie, Jayden Seales, Romario Shepherd, Kevin Sinclair, and Oshane Thomas. Additional Players at White Ball Preparation Camp: Dennis Bulli, Roston Chase, McKenny Clarke, Kavem Hodge, Jair McCallister, Obed McCoy, and Kevin Wickham.

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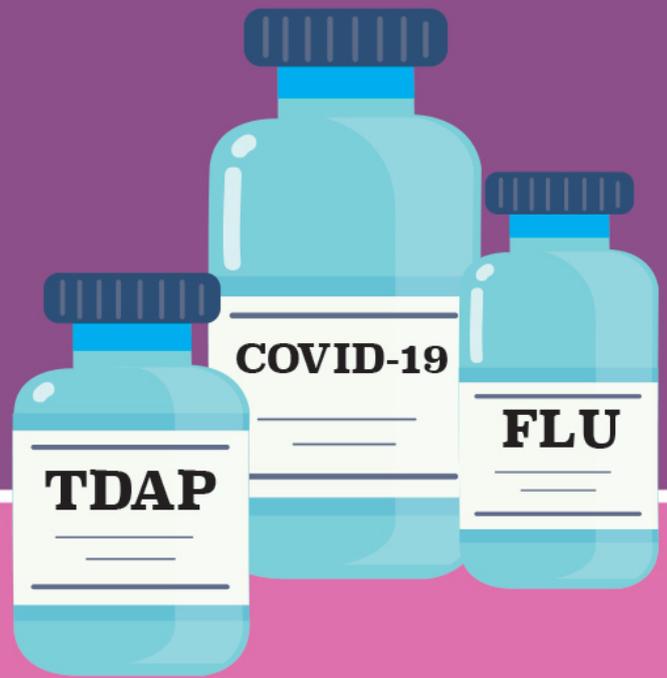
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The Cuties Ovals OJays basketball team.

Ovals and Flyers to clash in division one playoff finals

League champions the Cuties Ovals OJays are through to the finals of the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) First Division Playoff championship.

The top-seeded Ovals OJays prevailed 68-62

over the fourth-seeded Northside Stingerz in the third and deciding game at the JSC Sports Complex on Monday night to win their best-of-three semi-final series 2-1.

Joshua Minner produced a game-high 30

points with seven assists and six rebounds; Alexis Jackson had 13 points, 17 rebounds, nine assists, and five blocks; and forward Mario Davis chipped in with 11 points and 12 rebounds for the Ovals OJays.

Keroi Lee, who had five of his shots blocked, finished with a team-high 18 points and 17 rebounds; point guard Jayden Andrew converted 12 points and snatched eight rebounds; Jamine Charles had nine points and 17 rebounds; and Te-Ran Zachariah chipped in with eight points and five rebounds for the Stingerz.

The Ovals OJays will now face the third-seeded Flyers in the best-of-five division one playoff finals, which will commence with Game One at the JSC Sports Complex today (Wednesday) at 7 pm.

The Flyers booked their spot in the finals by winning their best-of-three semi-final series 2-0 against the second-seeded Potters Steelers.

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captured the award for the most wickets with a total of 11 scalps. The award for the best bowling figures was claimed by Old Road's Peter Richards, who captured five for 16.

Richards and Jarvis, who picked up five for 18, were the only two players to achieve five-wicket hauls in the T20 competition.

The Bryson's Shipping & Insurance Bullets captured the women's T20 title by surging to a 15-run victory against the Sagcor Life Enforcers in the final.

Williams of the Bullets also won the final and overall MVP awards in the wom-

en's T20 competition. Williams slammed 64 to propel the Bullets to 143 for three off their 20 overs. Enforcers were restricted to 128 for nine off their 20 overs.

Her 64 runs in the final earned her the award for the highest individual score. Williams also claimed the award for the most runs with an aggregate of 261 runs at an average of 43.5.

Valencia Thomas of the Flyers captured the award for the most wickets with 12 wickets. Gale Jobe of Foster Jonas and Harley's Maintenance Potters Uprising claimed the award for the best bowling figures. Jobe had figures of four wickets for 10 runs in four overs.

Higgins and Williams win top softball awards

All-rounders Mervin Higgins of the Dredgers and Cheryl Williams of T20 women's champions Bryson's Shipping & Insurance Bullets have captured the male and female Player of the Year awards of the Antigua and Barbuda Softball Cricket Association's (ABSCA) 2023 domestic season.

In the men's division, Higgins claimed the award for the most runs with an aggregate of 585 runs, including a century, at an average of 41.79,



Cheryl Williams with her national softball cricket awards.

and also captured a total of 19 wickets.

Charles James of men's T20 champions Rackaman Construction Strictly Business captured the award for the most wickets with a total of 25 scalps.

In the female division, Williams also claimed the award for the most runs with an aggregate of 500 runs at an average of 32.4.

Valencia Thomas of the Flyers won the award for the most wickets with a total of 19 scalps.

The awards ceremony took place following the men's and women's T20 finals at the Jennings playing field on Sunday, July 23rd.

Rackaman Construction Strictly Business and Bryson's Shipping & Insurance Bullets captured the male and female division titles, respectively, in the ABSCA's T20 competitions.

Strictly Business secured the men's division crown by securing a 39-run victory against Marco Inc./Grill Box Buckleys 3J's in the final.

Strictly Business won the toss and batted, scoring 139 for six off their allotted 20 overs. In reply, the Buckleys 3J's were dismissed for 100 runs in 18.5 overs.

Arthur Croghan of Strictly Business claimed the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the final by snapping up four wickets for just six runs.

Kim George of Strictly Business captured the overall Most Valuable Player Award for the T20 competition with an aggregate of 328 runs. George



Mervyn Higgins with his national softball cricket awards. (ABSCA)

also won the award for the most runs, which were scored in six innings at an average of 65.6.

George also took home the award for the highest individual score with a knock of 112 not out. George and Strictly Business' Charles James, who had a knock of 102 not out, were the only two players to score centuries in the T20 competition.

Alfred Jarvis of Buckleys 3J's
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